



CITY OF HAYWARD

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE 03/16/99

AGENDA ITEM _____

WORK SESSION ITEM WS#2

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Community and Economic Development

SUBJECT: Landscape Plan for Proposed Newman Park

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council review the proposed park improvements and provide comments to staff.

DISCUSSION:

The park site was included as part of the Mission Boulevard Linear Park outlined in *The Core Area Plan*, prepared by Solomon, Inc., adopted July 28, 1992. The *Plan* envisioned the corner of B Street and Mission Boulevard as a park with shade trees and benches.

The property has been vacant for more than ten years since a fire destroyed a building that occupied the site. On January 19, 1999, the City Council authorized Eminent Domain Procedures and the City is proceeding to acquire the property. The Order of Immediate Possession will become final within approximately 30 days.

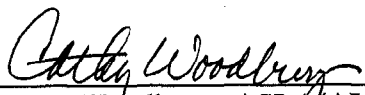
It is customary for the Rotary Club of Hayward to identify a project for the benefit of the community. The construction of a pocket park at this location has been selected as the Club's project for this year. Staff has been advised that if the property is acquired by the City, the Rotary Club is in a position to assist the City with the improvements. One way the Club proposes to render assistance is to have its members volunteer their time and effort to construct the improvements. Finally, the Club has established a goal of completing the pocket park by the end of spring.

The conceptual design incorporates a circular terrace in the center of the park to serve as a focal point and primary activity center. Game tables, with chessboards and backgammon, and benches line the outer edge. Decorative paving of brick or colored concrete will complement the brick walls of adjacent buildings and an area is provided in the center for the Rotary emblem. Open lawn areas surrounding the terrace extend the usable area to the street edge. A paved path is planned to connect the terrace with sidewalks on both Mission and B Street.

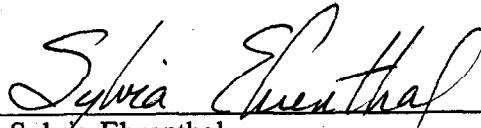
Sunburst Locust and Chinese Tallow trees will provide a feeling of enclosure in addition to offering summer shade and fall color. Redwoods will establish an evergreen backdrop and soften the building walls and Flowering Plum trees will add dramatic spring flowers. A variety of flowering shrubs and groundcovers will provide seasonal interest.

The park will be illuminated with decorative pole lights to match those around City Hall, uplighting under the Redwoods and a spot light on the signage wall at the corner.

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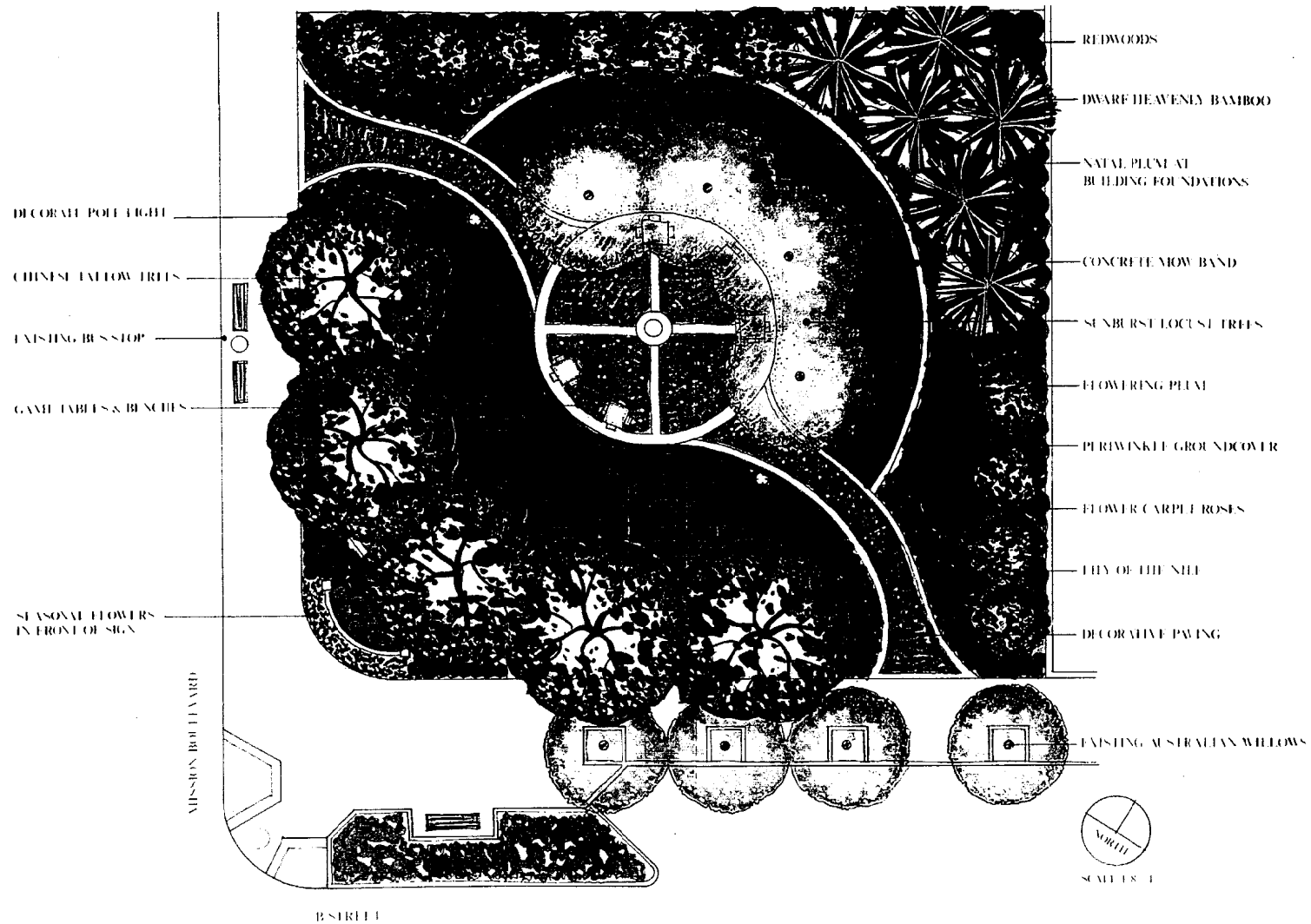

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Attachments: Exhibit A - Newman Park Conceptual Plan

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CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN NEWMAN PARK